

## HOUSTON IN HANDS OF COMMISSION

Governor Signs Bill to End  
Popular Rule.

### FIVE WILL RULE THE TOWN

Municipal Change Grows Out of Success of Similar Plan in Galveston—Taxpayers Rejoice.

NEW ORLEANS, March 22.—The governor of Texas has signed a bill which places Houston in the hands of a commission, legislating out of office all officials who were elected at the last general election and giving all the municipal power to a commission of five men. The head of this commission has full power of appointing and removing all officials and the city government is to be operated like a bank or other private corporation.

The success of the commission appointed to govern Galveston after the great storm which nearly destroyed that town five years ago has been so complete that its neighbor, Houston, has been seeking similar government.

### Opposition Fades Away.

It has only been in the last few weeks that the subsidence of the popular opposition to a surrender of all control of the government has rendered the passage of the law possible. The action was finally taken because of the large bond debt of Houston. The lack of sufficient revenues rendered the administration of the municipality on a democratic and popular basis unsatisfactory if not impossible.

### REAL ESTATE GOSSIP.

Warner Miller, former Senator from New York, is reported to be in the intention of erecting an office building costing a million dollars, somewhere in the vicinity of Fourteenth street between G street and New York avenue. He has been here recently looking over the ground and the matter is likely to come to a point within the next forty-eight hours. Slater Bro. & Co., with offices in the Colorado building, are Mr. Miller's agents in the pending negotiations.

Mrs. Lucy Page Whitehead has bought through Fred May, in conjunction with Thomas J. Fisher & Co., the residence at the northwest corner of Sixteenth and I streets northwest, the home of the late Justice Gray, for \$47,500.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

4153 Corcoran street northwest—Joseph K. Roberts and John Rahn, executors, to Lucy E. Shepherd, lot 29, square 208, \$4,000.  
12 street northwest, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets—Bernard Schlosberg et ux, to Hank Schlosberg, east half lot 2, square 291, \$10,000.  
Buena Vista—M. Green et ux, to M. Effie Wood, lot 1, block 8, \$100.  
Chillum Castle Manor—Eastern Star Home of District of Columbia, to J. Cabell Williamson and Watson J. Newton, trustees, part 310.  
7 K street northeast—Dennis A. McNamara, et ux, to Robert O. Edmonston, jr., lot 277, square 674, \$10,000.  
125 L street northeast—American Security and Trust Company to Lucy York, lot 176, square 58, \$20.  
929 Westminister street northwest—Margaret R. Andrews to Emma Levy, lot 291, square 292, \$5,000.  
Burrville—Virginia T. Landstreet to Wilson Brewer, lot 18, block 6, section 3, \$1.  
D street southeast, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets—H. Latane Lewis to William D. Humphries, lots 47 and 49, square 291, \$10,000.  
Meridian Hill—William C. Lewis et ux, to William W. Riley, lots 40 to 47, block 10, \$10.  
Sixth street northwest, between G and H streets—Cecilia Merino et vir, Frank to Joseph Cosimano, half interest in part lot 24, square 454, \$10.  
625 Eleventh street northeast—National Safe Deposit, Savings and Trust Company, trustee, to William T. Belt, lot 41, square 292, \$2,500.  
Seventh street road—Henry Ruppert et ux, to Gregor J. Ruppert, one-third interest in tract on said road, \$10. Same to Bernard P. Ruppert, one-third interest in same property, \$10.  
Columbia Heights—James T. Gibbs et al., trustees, to Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends, part lot 1, block 26, \$8,000.  
Moore and Barbour's second addition—David Moore et ux, to William L. Browning, lots 52 to 55, block 8, \$10.  
Sarah M. Davidson to same, lots 54 to 57, block 7, \$10.  
Hanover place northwest, near North Capitol street—Edward A. Newman to Helen M. Conrads, lot 82, square 617, \$10.

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## Board Not Yet Ready To Act on the Question

Will Wait for Petitions for and Against Religious Training in Public Schools—Views of Two Clergymen Presented.

Moral training in the public schools of the District on a distinctly religious basis will hardly be considered by the Board of Education at its meeting tonight.

None of the petitions being circulated at the instance of the ministers' conference have reached Secretary Brodick. Those interested in the petitions put out by the Seventh Day Adventists said today that the result of their efforts would not be laid before the board tonight.

And so the matter stands. It is believed that at the next meeting of the board, to be held one week from tonight, both sides of the question will be represented by numerous signed petitions, and that then the board will have some definite basis to proceed upon.

It is not thought that any members will take the initiative in the matter, and it seems to be generally understood that any action by the board will be based upon petitions which may be presented to it.

Two views on the much discussed topic are presented by The Times today, widely different, but both coming from pastors of prominent churches.

### Why Dr. U. G. B. Pierce Voted Against Report

The Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce, D. D., pastor All Souls' Unitarian Church: "I was present at the recent meeting that adopted the report of the committee of fifteen, and voted against the report.

"Of course I had not seen the report, and had no idea of its nature until the printed copies were distributed at the meeting. I must confess that I was utterly surprised to see such weighty names attached to a document that seems to me so weak and hasty.

"There is even an element of humor in the statement that 'the committee have spent three full afternoons in conference.' One can believe that. It is evidently an emergency measure. It looks as if some one were scared.

"I should think that six months would be a very brief time in which to prepare such a report, if it is to be prepared at all. If the matter is as serious as some consider it, more time should have been devoted to its consideration.

### Work Elsewhere.

"There should also have been some data collected from other cities. For instance, the report speaks of a lectionary for schools and of text-books of morals.

"One would think that nothing of the kind had ever been thought of before. Why, here on my desk are three books of this character, and I dare say there are a score more; but nothing is said about them; neither has the committee reported as to what success attended their use. But, of course, not everything can be done even in three full afternoons.

"Moreover, it was a serious misfortune that the report had to be voted upon as a whole. One had to vote either for or against the report. There was no middle ground. If we voted against it, it was interpreted by some as indicating either indifference or hostility to the welfare of the children in the schools.

### Why He Opposed Report.

"I have no objections to stating why I voted against the report.

"In the first place, the report is an insult to our teachers. Under its smooth phrases there is a lurking criticism that stings and bites. It reminds one of the classic bon mot, 'Tell the gentleman that he is a fool, but mind that you do not hurt his feelings.'

"The preamble says: 'We bear witness to the efficiency and faithfulness of the great body of our public school teachers,' etc. If that is true, the report follows, it is not necessary; if it is not true, but it is true.

"What do you think of the plan of making the Ten Commandments the basis of religious teaching? Here again

the report is vague. I doubt whether the Commandments were read by the committee. If so, they would probably have stated which version of the Decalogue they meant.

"I cannot think that educated men would have their children taught that the Lord made the world in six days, and rested on the seventh. I doubt whether any member of the committee believes that. Certainly our schools teach otherwise. To teach these things as literally true is either to stultify the mind of the child or to make him a hypocrite.

### Confusion in Decalogue.

"Of course the instance cited above is a minor matter, and perhaps it was intended to omit that clause. But the very words that begin the Decalogue will bring confusion to the child. The statement, 'God spake all these words,' is bound to provoke questionings which is not the province of the public school to settle.

"The fact is that people are not made religious by reciting creeds and commandments. Judas knew all these things. Children cannot be reformed in three full afternoons. The atmosphere of our schools is religious and moral.

"The highest type of moral teaching runs through all the text-books from the child's primer to the books of the high school. Playing, studying, working together are themselves things that equalize and civilize. They learn fair play. Above all, the example and influence of the teacher are an abiding incentive to all that is pure and uplifting.

### Rev. Dr. Radcliffe Would Use Lectionary

The Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, D. D., pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church:

"Of course I endorse the action of the recent conference on the subject of religion and morality in the public schools. I was a member of the subcommittee of three which prepared the report. The District is to be congratulated upon the present status of that question in relation to the schools. In contrast with the general usage we have the reading of the Bible and daily use of the Lord's Prayer and that most admirable rule 16, which enjoins upon the teacher the inculcation of certain ethical duties.

"The present movement only seeks to systematize and direct this teaching. It asks for an approved lectionary made up of selections from the Old and New Testaments so that the daily readings may not be left entirely to the caprice, or willfulness of the individual teacher. This secures an attractive variety, and also anticipates possible objections on the part of some parents. Such lectionaries have already been prepared and used harmoniously by Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Hebrews.

"The regulation suggested is additionally conservative in that its use is to be optional with the teacher. This action further recommends only a systematic method for securing the purposes of rule 16. It would put into the teacher's hands an elementary book on ethics which would enable her to teach in simple, logical and interesting form the duties she has already been enjoined to teach, namely, truthfulness, self-control, temperance, frugality, industry, obedience to parents, and obedience to the laws of God. Such elementary books have already been prepared and used with the best results by every teacher and parent would welcome.

"Ethics cannot be successfully taught without a theistic basis. The best effort on any other basis is Confucianism, and the moral life of China does not impress us with its superiority.

"The present movement does not go as

## MILLIONS OF PLANTS FOR PUBLIC PARKS

Great Task of Providing Flowers and Foliage for Summer Months in the Government Reservations—Spring Planting About to Begin.

Over one million plants will go to beautify the public gardens and grounds of the District of Columbia this year, and gardeners under Colonel Bromwell, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, are preparing for the spring planting, to begin in about two weeks.

Colonel Bromwell has under his superintendence over 400 acres of public ground, the large parks, the circles, the triangular sections along all the principal avenues, and odd plots growing in all sections of the city, most of which will, under his watchful eye and that of George Hay Brown, the landscape gardener, soon begin to blossom as the rose. Every year this spring planting takes place on a larger scale. Three new greenhouses have been added to the propagating gardens in the past year, and two more are in course of construction.

Every year the parking becomes greater and the labor increases. The parking surrounding the Sherman statue is one of the new plots of ground to be attended to. All other public parks, excepting that of the Botanic Garden and the Agricultural grounds, will be provided for and taken care of wholly or in part by the force of the propagating gardens.

### Many New Varieties.

Many new and gay plants and flowers will beautify the parks this year. Colonel Bromwell and Mr. Brown rather lean

far as I believe it should go. It rests everything upon the theistic idea. For that reason it should commend itself to every believer in a personal God. It could very fairly base itself upon the recognition of the Christian's God. This nation is not neutral or atheistic. It is a Christian nation. Its history, law, some of its customs, the sacred fundamental truths of Christianity, its institutions should be held to its original foundations. The church does not at all involve a union of church and state. The church of which I am a minister has memories and convictions which make us bitter antagonists of such an effort. But it does involve the union of Christianity and the state just as it also involves the union of Christianity and the business and the society and the book and the home.

"There can be no question as to the right to introduce these teachings into the public school. The school is distinct for the purpose of making good citizens. That is the only reason for its existence. Good citizenship is not intellectual attainment but character. A man may be a good mathematician or geographer and yet a bad citizen. The state has a right to do what it deems best for its own protection, even though some of its citizens dissent. The Quaker is opposed to war, but all the same the state organizes its armies and taxes the Quakers for their support.

### NEW COPYRIGHT LAW GOES IN EFFECT APRIL 1

Secretary Hitchcock has approved the new copyright law, and it is to be promulgated April 1.

"It has been discovered that a number of attorneys and agents have been sending out literature asserting that the new law will do away with all of the protection afforded under the old law. This the department says is untrue, and that the reason for the activity is a desire to reap solid benefits in more registration fees.

### MINERS THREATEN STRIKE IN INDIANA FIELDS

INDIANAPOLIS, March 22.—A general strike is threatened in the Indiana coal belt because of the discharge of men at Jackson Hill and a consequent strike. The check-off system is involved.

District President Bayle says he is willing to have the controversy settled by the joint executive board, but he insists that the three discharged men be reinstated.

The operators' association demands that the miners be ordered back to work pending a settlement.

toward the great variety of plants with varicolored leaves than flowering plants. Some of the best flowering plants are, according to Mr. Brown, least attractive after their bloom; and the foliage plants of brilliant color are, therefore, preferable.

The variegated scarlet sage is a favorite in the propagating gardens, for the reason that it combines the elements of beauty of flower and foliage. A new variety of this plant will appear in the flower beds in many parts of the city.

There are seventy-five varieties of crotons with leaves ranging from a bright yellow to a deep red. They, too, are a favorite in the propagating garden and one greenhouse is devoted exclusively to them.

Besides these are to be planted the Cineraria, Vicias, Alternantheras, Acalyphas, and Fuchsias, all of brilliant leaf.

### Flowers Not Neglected.

There is no intention to neglect the flowering plants, however. Thirty thousand pansies were planted last autumn and will soon be showing their heads all over the city. Soon the hyacinth, tulip, crocus, and narcissus will be blooming about us everywhere, and the geraniums and roses will follow.

The hospitals of the city will be amply provided for this year out of a surplus stock.

Besides the plants for the gardens have not yet been made but will be announced soon. "You have no idea," said Mr. Brown, "what a great task this is and everything must be thoroughly considered before the final decisions are made."

### SUPERINTENDENTS HOLD SIXTH ANNUAL BANQUET

Addresses on How Sunday Schools May Be Enlarged and Work Out Better Results.

The Sunday School Superintendents' Association held its sixth annual banquet last night at the Foundry Methodist Church. After the dinner had been served a number of set speeches were made, in which all the speakers endeavored to show how the work of the Sunday schools in this city could be enlarged and bring greater results.

Dr. James E. Gilbert, general secretary of the American Society of Religious Education, made the principal speech of the evening. He spoke on the character of the teachers, and said the schools were judged by the ability and earnestness of the instructors. Other speeches were made by Superintendent Harding of the Foundry Sunday school, whose topic was "A Superintendent's Duty to an Incompetent Teacher." Following his address other talks were made by Lyman L. Pierce, John B. Slemmon, Mark E. Watson, Charles H. Butler, John E. Dawson, and others.

A musical program was rendered before the dinner, and the entire evening was pronounced a great success.

### WANTS STOCK REDEEMED AT CONTRACT PRICE

Suit was begun late yesterday afternoon in the Supreme Court of the District by Felix von Briesen against the Congressional and Mexican Mining Company to recover \$10,500.

Of this amount it is sought to recover interest on \$7,500 from March 2 last and interest on \$3,000 from March 9 last. Briesen alleges that on November 1, 1904, the defendant agreed to sell him 5,000 shares of its capital stock for \$2,500, the par value of which was \$1 per share, under a contract to repurchase it for \$1.50 a share.

The defendant now refuses to redeem the stock at the price mentioned. Clarence R. Wilson is counsel for the plaintiff.

## KOREANS REGRET ALLEN'S REMOVAL

American Colony Protests Against Change.

### VIEW OF FOREIGN MINISTER

Says Growth of United States Interests Is Striking Tribute to His Fitness.

SEOUL, March 22.—Telegrams received here announce that the United States Minister, Horace N. Allen, has been superseded by recent Presidential appointment. Great surprise is occasioned in diplomatic circles, where Mr. Allen's unquestioned ability and long and faithful record, first as secretary and afterward as minister, are recognized by people of all nationalities.

Mr. Allen's reappointment as minister was supposed in view of the recent announcement made that Washington's diplomatic appointments would be governed by previous experience and ability.

### Korean Minister's Views.

Korea's minister of foreign affairs says: "Mr. Allen's recall is greatly regretted by the Emperor and the government. They offer sought his disinterested advice and placed much reliance on his sound judgment. His intimate knowledge of Oriental diplomacy peculiarly fitted him for the post, while the remarkable growth of American interests in Korea during his tenure of office is a striking tribute to his unceasing efforts. Mr. Allen's official and private record commands respect, admiration, and support of both commercial and missionary elements."

Among the members of the American colony in Korea Mr. Allen's recall raises a storm of protest against the American system of making diplomatic appointments which result in thus rewarding a tried and faithful representative.

### THE OLD MAN'S IDEA.

May-That young Loafley has been comin' to see our Marlar purty stiddy since the cold weather set in.

Paw-Yep, I notice so.

May-What d'y'e s'pose are his intentions?

Paw—I think his intentions are to keep warm of nights at our expense for the rest of the winter—Houston Chronicle.

### WINTER MEAT EATING

The Poor Stomach's Tale of Woe. Just Now Mi-o-na Is Needed.

At this season of the year thousands of people are already showing the ill symptoms that are sure to result from the usual winter diet. Indoor life, meat-eating, hearty food, lack of exercise, overwork, and poor ventilation spell "sickness," and poor health.

If the stomach cannot do its work properly, ill health is sure to follow. Mi-o-na is the one medicine that assures a natural digestion, that strengthens the stomach, that soothes and heals all irritation, congestion, and inflammation in the stomach or bowels. It is this that makes it a certain and guaranteed cure for all stomach troubles.

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